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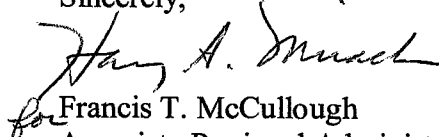
Dear Secretary Alexander:

We are pleased to inform you of the approval of Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-006, which places prescription quantity limits, for recipients 21 years of age and older, to six prescriptions per calendar month. The effective date of this amendment is January 3, 2012. This SPA was approved by the CMS Pharm Team on December 12, 2012. You should have received a letter from Larry Reed, Director of the Division of Pharmacy.

Enclosed is a copy of the approved SPA pages and the signed CMS-179 form.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mary McKeon at (215) 861-4181.

Sincerely,


for Francis T. McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Daniel Sorge, DPW, Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

December 12, 2012

Mr. Gary D. Alexander
Secretary of Public Welfare
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Department of Public Welfare
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Bureau of Policy, Analysis and Planning
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have reviewed Pennsylvania State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-006, Pharmacy Benefit Limits for Adult Categorically Needy Recipients, received in the Regional Office on March 29, 2012. This amendment proposes to place prescription quantity limits, for recipients 21 years of age and older, to 6 prescriptions per calendar month. The State has developed an automated exception process which allows approval of additional prescriptions beyond the monthly limit for certain conditions, diagnosis, and drug classes, based upon paid claims history. When exception to the benefit limit is not automatically approved, prescribing providers can submit a request for a benefit limit exception and supporting clinical information by phone or fax.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved, effective January 3, 2012. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the Pennsylvania state plan, will be forwarded by the Philadelphia Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Terry Simananda at (410) 786-8144.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
Division of Pharmacy

cc: Francis McCullough, ARA, Philadelphia Regional Office
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